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PATENT
Docket No. 54537USA3A.003

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mark E. Fagan, Susan N. Bohlke, and
Neil A. Randen

Serial No.: 09/185,208
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Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: D. Jessen

For: Filled Lab Pattern-Coated Films

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Response to the Office Action

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, paper number 15, mailed June 4, 2001 in the captioned application. This Amendment is believed timely submitted. If any extension of time is required to consider this response, such extension is hereby requested. Please charge any additional fees due in connection with this Amendment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

Remarks

Claims 1-14 remain in this application. To facilitate the understanding of this response, Applicants have set forth Applicants' arguments in specific headed paragraphs. Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Paragraph 3 of the Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 7-8, 10-12 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Butler (5,928,726) in view of Zhu (5,608,003).

The Examiner has stated that Butler refers to a textured film having a layer of permanent adhesive on one surface and a layer of low adhesion backsize (LAB) on the opposite surface. The LAB is pattern-coated on the film and includes a silica particulate

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.81, I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on the date indicated below with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington DC 20231:

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